

Forest Conservation Advisory Committee

Minutes

February 15, 2011

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ATTENDEES

Members

Paul Allen (WSSC), ex officio
Ginny Barnes
Ken Ferebee
Kim Knox
Dan Landry
Brett Linkletter (DPWT), ex officio
Caren Madsen
Norman Mease
Laura Miller (DEP), ex officio
Katherine Nelson, (M-NCPPC), ex officio
Michael Norton
David Plummer (MSCD), ex officio
David Post
Jeff Schwartz (phone)

Linda Silversmith
Dan Snyder
Bryan Straathof
Clark Wagner

Absent members

Mark Buscaino
Andrew Der
Sarah Navid, (DPS) ex officio
Kevin Smith

Others attending

Stan Edwards, DEP
Dale Tibbitts, Council Staff
Susan Buffone, Council Staff
David Meyers, MNCPPC

MINUTES

7:10 Called to Order

- Katherine Nelson intro
- Michael Norton intro
- Kimberly Knox – not here
- Sarah Navid – not here
- October minutes lost
- November minutes moved & 2nd - vote approved
- Re-instated for 3 years
 - Clark Wagner
 - Ginny Barnes
 - Dan Landry
 - Caren Madsen
- Committee Chair
 - County Exec appointed – Andy Der – declined but would stay as co-chair
 - Uncertain how to proceed
 - Vote approved to recommend Caren and Andy continue as chair & co-chair
- Annual Meeting with County Exec

- Caren & Ginny attended
- Budget presentation by CE
- Open forum
- Briefing was not effective
 - Linda S.
 1. Should we comment?
 2. Combine committees?
- Dale Tibbits – Elrich would like report through Council President: Ginny/Linda to draft letter to County Exec. – all agreed.
- Dan Landry – Pepco efforts to address tree work in their region. Mont, PG, DC.
 - MD Public Serv. Commission drafting new regulations for tree clearances
 - Concern it will be overkill
 - P.S.C. regulation – will be commented on
 - Reliability standard is basis for new regulation
 - This Friday is deadline to comment
 - DEP will send out info on how to comment
 - Pepco tree repl. Is for private property only
 - Ginny and Linda agreed to draft a letter to the county exec.
- FCL Amendment
 - Stan/Laura updated committee on draft bill. Sent in January. CE will decide how to proceed.
 - STAN:
 - Earlier draft to be re-sent
 - Describe proposal
 - Discussion on effect of law
- Katherine Nelson to report to MNCPPC this week on Vermont program:
 - Mont Co = 50% Tree Canopy
- Katherine to present on FC program & University of Vermont Canopy Study at next meeting